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Georgetown, Guyana

January 6, 1978

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Dear [redacted]

I refer to your letter of December 8, 1977 concerning the People's Temple community in Guyana.

I read your letter very carefully and noted your concern for the American citizens who are residing at the community.

I visited Jonestown late last August and I am returning there next week to investigate complaints such as yours, especially pertaining to Americans being held in bondage.

You should know that Consular Officers have no law enforcement authority. In matters such as this, I can only act on specific charges made by members of the agricultural community against officials of the People's Temple by referring the individuals to the Guyanese Police. Naturally, the Embassy would also refer to the Government of Guyana and request by a Federal, State or Municipal Agency for the return to the United States of any member of the People's Temple who is the subject of a lawfully issued warrant of arrest for crimes committed in the United States.

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I trust that I have clarified our position, Please accept my best wishes.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/GGDC/MR
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PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

Sincerely,

Richard A. Mc Coy
American Consul

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Dearest Mr. McCoy.

My concern is for the freedom ~~to be~~ of several hundred persons to be rendered. It is regrettable that some of these people may not have a way to get back to the states.

Reasons are the cause of this man named Jim Jones who has these people stationed in South America. Guyana (George Town).

The so-called Reverend Jim Jones is a very trepanned person.

He has an Agricultural Mission that's a cover up name for his work of slavery used upon these people. They are located in a hide-a-way jungle called "Jonestown." It is in the form of a concentration camp.

These people are being very poorly fed. There every day menu consists of rice with sugar in the mornings and evenings, peanut-

butter in the afternoons.

If anyone should refused to do the chores they are punished ~~mean~~ without mercy. Some are beaten and sometimes starved. They ~~are~~ will not be able to eat for a week or more.

There's so much cruelty going on over there in Guyana by Jim Jones that I couldn't possibly put it all down on paper. These people are really frighten. There pride and privacy has been stript from them.

I wish you would investigate this man immediately (as fast as you can, while some are still living), and help free them from this horrible night mare.

~~Also~~, My cousin & a close friend was taken over there by force, along with the rest of these people. Please do whatever you can!

Sincerely,